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CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Please amend claims 1, 19, and 35 as follows so that a complete listing of the currently pending claims reads as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing patient medical financial information through a networked connection comprising:
 - receiving a patient medical financial information at an aggregate medical server;
 - receiving patient access instructions at the aggregate medical server;
 - receiving an access request from a requestor at the aggregate medical server;
 - determining whether the access request corresponds with the patient access instructions, wherein determining whether the access request corresponds with the patient access instructions comprises authenticating the request with a third party certificate authority;
 - formatting the patient medical financial information into a requestor readable data format; and
 - sending a portion of the formatted patient medical financial information to the requestor based on the patient access instructions and the access request, if the patient access instructions correspond with the patient access request.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
 - sending the medical financial information to an insurance server;
 - receiving modified medical financial information from the insurance server at the aggregate medical server; and
 - formatting the modified medical financial information.

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3. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the modified medical financial information comprises members selected from a group consisting of:

an insurance payment, a patient co-payment, portions of a patient medical charge, an allowed medical charge, a discount applied and the amount due by a patient of the patient medical charge.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the requestor is selected from a group consisting of a patient and a third party authorized by the patient to request patient medical financial information.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the requestor readable data format comprises a patient readable format.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein the patient readable format comprises a PC based home financial program from a group consisting of Quicken®, TurboTax®, MS Money®, Peachtree Accounting® and QuickBooks®.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
an agent in communication with the aggregate medical server, wherein the agent software is capable of providing tax related information based on patient medical financial information received at the agent.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the agent resides at a patient PC.

9. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the agent resides on the medical aggregate server.

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10. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
providing a hyperlink to the aggregate server wherein the hyperlink comprises the
access request.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the hyperlink is provided on a
web site for access by the requestor.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein determining whether the access
request corresponds with the patient access instructions further comprises implementing at
least one security feature.
13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the security feature is selected
from a group consisting of a user password, a public key cryptograph, a digital signature, and
an XML based security standard.
14. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
verifying a portion of the patient medical financial information with an outside server.
15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein verifying the portion of the
patient
medical financial information comprises determining a patient eligibility.
16. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
updating the patient medical financial information.

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17. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the patient medical financial information is selected from a group consisting of a name, a social security number, a plan number, personal information, medical history information, medical claims information, prescription information, insurance company information, billing information, and health provider information.

18. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the access information comprises level authorization information.

19. (Currently Amended) A computer usable medium including a program for controlling access to patient medical financial information through a networked connection comprising:

computer readable program code for receiving a patient medical financial information at an aggregate medical server;

computer readable program code for receiving patient access instructions at the aggregate medical server;

computer readable program code for receiving an access request from a requestor at the aggregate medical server;

computer readable program code for determining whether the access request corresponds with the patient access instructions wherein computer readable code for determining whether the access request corresponds with the patient access instructions comprises computer readable code for authenticating the request with a third party certificate authority;

computer readable program code for formatting the patient medical financial information into a requestor readable data format; and

computer readable program code for sending a portion of the patient medical financial information to the requestor based on the patient access instructions and the access request if the patient access instructions corresponds with the access request.

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20. (Original) The computer usable medium of claim 19 further comprising:
computer readable code for sending the medical financial information to an
insurance server;

computer readable code for receiving modified medical financial information
from the insurance server; and

computer readable code for formatting the modified medical financial
information.

21. (Original) The computer usable medium of claim 20 wherein the medical
financial data comprises selected members of a group consisting of a payment, a patient co-
payment portions of a patient medical charge, an allowed medical charge, a discount applied
and an amount due by a patient of the patient medical charge.

22. (Original) The computer usable medium of claim 21 wherein the
requestor readable data format comprises a patient readable format.

23. (Original) The computer usable medium of claim 19 wherein the patient
readable format comprises a PC based home financial program from a group consisting of
Quicken®, TurboTax®, MS Money®, Peachtree Accounting® and QuickBooks®.

24. (Original) The computer usable medium of claim 19 further comprising:
computer readable code for consolidating patient financial information at an agent
software.

25. (Original) The computer usable medium of claim 24 wherein the agent
software calculates a tax credit based on the patient medical financial information.

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26. (Original) The computer usable medium of claim 19 further comprising:
computer readable code for providing a hyperlink to the aggregate server
wherein the hyperlink comprises the access request.

27. (Original) The computer usable medium of claim 26 wherein the
hyperlink is provided on a web site for access by the requestor.

28. (Original) The computer usable medium of claim 19 wherein the
computer readable code for determining whether the access request corresponds with the
patient access instructions comprises computer readable code for implementing security
features.

29. (Original) The computer usable medium of claim 28 wherein the security
feature is selected from a group consisting of a user password, a public key cryptograph, a
digital signature, and an XML based security standard.

30. (Original) The computer usable medium of claim 19 further comprising:
computer readable code for verifying a portion of the patient medical financial
information with an outside server.

31. (Original) The computer usable medium of claim 30 wherein the
computer readable code for verifying the portion of the patient medical financial information
comprises:
computer readable code for determining a patient's eligibility.

32. (Original) The computer usable medium of claim 19 further comprising:
computer readable code for updating the patient medical financial
information.

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33. (Original) The computer usable medium of claim 19 wherein the patient medical financial information is selected from a group consisting of a name, a social security number, a plan number, personal information, medical history information, medical claims information, prescription information, insurance company information, billing information, and health provider information.

34. (Original) The computer usable medium of claim 19 wherein the access information comprises level authorization information.

35. (Currently Amended) A system to provide patient medical financial information through a
networked connection comprising:
means for receiving a patient medical financial information at an aggregate medical server;
means for receiving patient access instructions at the aggregate medical server;
means for receiving a request from a requestor at the aggregate medical server;
means for determining whether the access request corresponds with the patient access instructions wherein means for determining whether the access request corresponds with the patient access instructions comprises means for authenticating the request with a third party certificate authority;
means for formatting the patient medical financial information into a requestor readable data format; and
means for sending a portion of the patient medical financial information to the requestor based on the access instructions and the access request if the patient access instructions corresponds with the access request.

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36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
restricting access to the patient medical financial information based on the
received patent access instructions.

37. (Cancelled)